Selection Criteria

2022 Board Appointments



The Role of a Director

Thorough understanding of the strategic leadership role and functions of a board as well as the common law and statutory duties imposed on directors including knowledge of corporate governance and compliance. Prior board experience is desirable. Aspiring directors must have the potential to develop advanced skills as a director.

Commitment to Members

Recognise that members are at the heart of the organisation and decision making. Demonstrate this understanding and effectively represent CPA Australia amongst members, stakeholders and in the broader community. Prior demonstration of engagement with member organisations, including with CPA Australia, is highly desirable.

Experience in Emerging Issues

A sound understanding of the importance of strategy, the ability to contribute to strategy discussions, monitor strategy planning and implementation and be well equipped to respond to global digital disruption, geopolitical risks, the changing international sustainability reporting standards, change management and emerging Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) issues that may affect both CPA Australia and the organisations of members. Recognise the changing needs of members through their CPA journey as well as the needs of those they support.

• Financial Literacy, Commercial and Digital Acumen

The ability to understand, interpret, question and critically evaluate financial issues and reports including integrated reporting as they impact various parts of the accounting profession including in the private sector, public practice, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), the public sector and across professional services and digital delivery.

Demonstrate sound commercial judgement, high level financial acumen, and understanding of the impacts of digital innovation on the accounting profession.

Stakeholder Relationships and Organisational Culture

Ability to appropriately engage in a timely and collegiate manner with staff and stakeholders, whilst maintaining critical thinking and independence. Able to demonstrate behaviours that are consistent with and reinforce the desired organisation culture.

Value to Board

Candidates are sought with career experience that is valuable to the organisation, its strategy, and its members. Strong ability to articulate clearly and contribute relevant perspectives, experience and expertise for the benefit of the Board.



Mandatory Criteria:

• Be in Good Standing

Member Director candidates must be in good standing with CPA Australia and non-member candidates must also be persons of good standing in their usual professional occupation.

Ethical Behaviours

Candidates must display the highest levels of integrity, professional standards and ethical conduct, be aligned with the culture and values of CPA Australia as set out in the CPA Australia Way (see at: https://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/about-cpa-australia/work-with-us/careers/our-values) and have the ability to identify and declare conflicts of interest.

